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A "calamity howler" is the product of selfishness run to seed. As Luther used to say, "every man has a pope in his belly," so it may be said every man is a natural born monopolist.

In the light of the present attitude of the democratic party on the tariff question it is interesting to remember that 1883 Ohio democrats circulated a pamphlet arraigning the republican party in the following language:

"The republican president, tariff commissioner and congress, at the bidding of the monopolists of New England, wantonly and wickedly reduced the duty on wool so as to enable foreign producers to compete advantageously with native growers.

"We condemn the action of the republican congress in reducing the tariff on wool."

If it was "wanton" and "wicked" and a great wrong upon the people? to reduce the tariff on wool 18 per cent in 1883, what shall we call the placing of wool on the free list in 1892?

Democratic papers that have helped to swell the howl of the calamity shriekers ought not to be surprised if their labor should produce fruit corresponding with the character of the seed sown.

The Klamath Star describes Hermann's opponent in the first congressional district in the following fashion: "Veatch is behind the age. He echoes in the rear of progressive thought.

Senator Raley of Umatilla county, who earned a little notoriety he did not deserve through his connection with what is known as the Raley bill, is making a vigorous fight for re-election in the teeth of formidable opposition.

The Presbyterian church claims to have twenty millions of adherents throughout the world. There are 16,000 churches of this faith in Canada and the United States, 2,000 congregations in Hungary and more churches in France than in Ireland.

Destructive insects are becoming alarmingly prevalent in eastern Oregon. An exchange tells of a kind in his town that eat brick and cement plaster.

The Astoria Herald says: "The present indications are that the people's party will receive about five votes in Clatsop county, as most of the Weaver's constituents are in the insane asylum."

DECORATION DAY.

Next Monday is the day, when by common consent the nation garlands with flowers the graves of its heroic dead. Precious beyond earth's richest jewels, more fragrant than the roses we scatter upon the cold clay above them, sweeter than the music of earth's choicest minstrelsy is the memory of those who lived and died to make and keep us free.

The Athena Press says: "Ellis, the republican nominee for congressman, owes his nomination to ex-Gov. Moody, of The Dalles, who is an open champion of the Union Pacific and against an open river.

Geo. W. Childs of Philadelphia, Col. Shepard, of the N. Y. Mail and Express, and ten car loads of other eastern editors, have discovered Oregon the past week, and will return to their various sanctuaries with a far better understanding of the webfoot nation than they ever had before.

The Review of Reviews moralizes over the fortune left by the late William Henry Smith. He was possessed of a personal fortune of \$8,500,000 and real estate of perhaps as much more, but he left nothing to public or charitable objects.

Blaines' friends had the lung tester applied to him yesterday by Dr. Pepper, of Philadelphia, provost of the University of Pennsylvania. The doctor sounded Mr. Blaines' lungs, tested his heart, examined his muscles and other vital organs and then wrote the following prescription: "You want to look after your eyes and take plenty of exercise.

From the Wasco News we learn that on the 21st inst., W. M. Barnett of Wasco sent the following telegram to Rainmaker Melbourne: "How much for one inch of rain during the first fifteen days in June?" The following is the answer: CHEYENNE, WYO., May 22, 1892. W. M. Barnett, Wasco. \$5,000 one inch; less amount! pay in proportion. Round trip traveling expenses for two guaranteed.

A mass meeting is called to meet in Wasco tonight to discuss the question of hiring Melbourne to make the test. It is understood that he will come on the principle of no rain no pay.

The Troutdale Champion is supporting the republican ticket in Multnomah county and has no doubt of securing its election from top to bottom if the Oregonian would just keep still, but if that paper keeps on writing articles against the Australian ballot law the Champion will not be responsible for consequences.

There were several bets made in The Dalles on the scrap between Jackson and Slayin, some of which will not be paid without protest, as the loser claims they were "sure thing" puts. Slayin was so badly punished by the negro that he scarcely considers he was in the fight at all.

Dr. Rinehart of this city has been selected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Holt of Portland, on the state board of charities and correction. This board never before had a representative in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Geo. G. Lindsay, of Hartman, made us a very clever call today. He reports everything fine in the vegetable kingdom, with the exception that in some parts a worm pest abounds, doing wholesale damages to fields it attacks.

Mr. F. A. Kirby presented this office with a sample box of magnificent strawberries the product of Mr. Klint's garden on Mill Creek. The berries averaged an ounce each, 16 to the pound. They were taken to Portland Saturday evening, where they were greatly admired.

Patriotic parents in Portland have already begun commemorating the visit of the cruisers. Mrs. Frank Dow presented her husband with a son and heir; they name him Charleston Baltimore Dow, then a few of the sailors of the cruisers who wished to show their appreciation of the compliment to the ships, presented young C. B. with a handsome silver knife, fork and spoon.

The case of W. H. Butler vs. D. Gillespie, involving the price of a certain piece of land occupied the court all this forenoon and was not ended at the time of going to press. Judge Bradshaw expects to get through with the docket this afternoon.

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